DESCENDANTS OF OBADIAH DAVISSON

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1. OBADIAH DAVISSON

Information on Obadiah is sketchy. We know only that he emigrated to Elk Creek, Harrison County VA sometime after 1773 to join his son Daniel. His wife's name was Elizabeth.

Children of Obadiah and Elizabeth Davisson.

2. (1). Isaac b.c. 1746 d.Oct 17 1847
   m.Isabella Anderson May 25 1779

3. (2). Daniel b.c. 1747
   m.Prudence Izzard

4. (3). Hezekiah b.c. 1750
   m.Ann ------

5. (4). Obadiah

6. (5). Nathaniel

7. (6). Josiah

8. (7). Elizabeth

2.ISAAC DAVISSON 1. OBADIAH DAVISSON

Isaac Davisson, a son of Obadiah and Elizabeth Davisson, was born in PA about 1746 and died at South Charleston, OH October 17, 1847. He married Isabella Anderson May 25, 1779. Isabella was born October 24, 1856.

In his Revolutionary War pension application November 12, 1832, Isaac stated that he was a son of Obadiah Davisson, that he lived in Harrison County VA during the Revolution, That he was a brother of Major Daniel Davisson, that he was 86 years old, and a resident of Johnson County IN at that time. He stated that he volunteered asa a ranger in a company officered by Captain James Booth, Lieutenant John Tucker and Ensign John Tucker about July 1, 1775. The following year, he was engaged as a spy under his brother, Major Daniel Davisson.

Isaac was named to the VA General Assembly December 5, 1793. land deeds indicated that he may have lived in Harrison County as late as March 1808 before moving to Ohio.

Children of Isaac and Isabella (Anderson) Davisson.

9. (1). Hezekiah

10. (2). James

11. (3). Obadiah

12. (4). Daniel D.

13. (5). Sarah

14. (6). Mary

15. (7). Isaac

16. (8). Jane

17. (9). Nancy

18. (10). Jesse

19. (11). Jacob

20. (12). Matilda

21. (13). Thomas

3.DANIEL DAVISSON 1. OBADIAH DAVISSON

Daniel Davisson, a son of Obadiah and Elizabeth Davisson, was born about 1747 and died in Harrison County VA (WV) in 1818. He married Prudence Izzard.

In 1773, Daniel and Prudence built a log cabin on Elk Creek in Harrison County VA on the present day site of Clarksburg, WV. Their claim on 400 acres of land was recognized when the land commissioners sat in Clarksburg in 1781.

By 1778, Davisson had permitted a number of settlers to build cabins adjacent to his. One cabin joined another to form a wall that made the little village a fort. In that time of Indian raids, a fort was a necessary consideration.

At its first meeting near Buckhannon in 1784, the Harrison County Court decided to place the county buildings on Daniel Davissons. Georg Jackson asked permission at the same meeting to build a dam and grist mill on Elk Creek about a hundred yards from the edge of the village.

Daniel is everywhere in the court records of the 1780's. He viewed the road "to Levi Shinn's", filled and order "to build stocks, whipping post, and pillory" in 1785 and collected a shilling for candles he furnished the justices in 1786. He accepted a place on the committee to superintend construction of a building for Randolph Academy in 1788 and proved to the court that he had worked 20 days in 1788 and 30 days in 1790 as a commissioner helping to cut a road from the State Road near Kingwood to the mouth of the Little Kanawha River. In 1788, he presented the court his commission as a Captain in The Virginia militia.

The Harrison County court ordered a courthouse erected in 1787 and by 1790, Daniel had built a residence and "ordinary" across the street. This establishment functioned as a store, hotel, restaurant and meeting place. In 1790, the county court accepted Hezekiah Davisson in place of Daniel "to keep the road in repair from for of Elk in Clarksburg to Limestone Creek and from the courthouse to the mouth of the Elk".

Apparently the Davisson establishment served an unofficial adjunct to the Courthouse. By 1795, the court authorized Daniel to "keep the courthouse key and to sweep the courthouse clean for a year at 15 shillings." By 1800, the court allowed Daniel "$12.50 for his room to hold court for 1 year.

In 1799, Daniel was commissioned a Major in the 11th Regiment of the Virginia Militia. That year the governor received Daniel's name as a man likely to be a justice of Harrison County. Daniel was voted a delegate to the Virginia Assembly in 1801 and in 1802. In 1817, Daniel was appointed High Sheriff of Harrison County for 1 year.

Prudence (Izzard) Davisson died in 1806 and Daniel in 1818.

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